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**OCTOBER 4-14, 1984
Illinois' Statewide
Celebration of the Arts**

Held annually, this week is a special opportunity for Illinoisans to highlight all the arts—dance, theater, visual arts, literature, folk and ethnic arts—through performances, exhibits, art contests, paint-ins, concerts, lecture-demonstrations, poetry readings, festivals, etc. in their local community. Begun in 1978 by the Illinois Arts Council (IAC) this week showcases the arts in Illinois and increases awareness and participation in artistic activities on a local level. Over the past six years more than half of Illinois' eleven million citizens have been a part of the celebration.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

EVERYONE! This is a time for you to "get caught in the act." Participants in previous years have included local arts councils, individual artists, arts organizations, businesses / corporations, libraries, schools and park districts. Events are planned and coordinated locally. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to participate in any way that highlights the arts in their community. Contact your local arts council or the IAC for suggestions on how to take part.

SHOW YOUR THANKS

If you haven't already thought of this idea, what better way to honor your dedicated local organizations, businesses, and / or individuals than by presenting them with a Certificate of Appreciation for their participation in Week as well as throughout the year. These certificates can be made from photostats available through the IAC.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ARTS WEEK PARTICIPATION?

Arts Week activities have provided a catalyst for continuous and innovative arts programming in many communities throughout the whole year. Arts Week increases communications between cultural institutions, creating new opportunities for arts programming by participating organizations. People in communities throughout the state gain a greater appreciation of the richness and diversity of the arts in Illinois. This appreciation of our artistic heritage can stimulate an increased commitment to further develop our culture, and encourage its growth.

PEOPLE MAKE ARTS WEEK HAPPEN!

Whether this is your first year of participation, or you are looking for new ideas, here are some suggestions from small towns to major cities, that have proven to be successful and fun.

- "A Community Collects" was Springboard's theme for an exhibition of artwork from private collections of Springfield residents. The Mayor officially declared Arts Week at the opening reception for this exhibition.
- The Window Display Department of Carson Pirie Scott and Company showcased Chicago painters and sculptors in windows on State Street and throughout its main floor. This concept presented a unique blend of contemporary art and commercial merchandising.
- An "ARTS WEEK" Coloring Book for tots was developed by the Elmwood Park Arts and Humanities Commission which was distributed through Village Hall, hospitals and other community facilities.
- Prairie Air, Inc. — WEFT and the Arts Council of Champaign County produced a series of 12 interviews with local and guest artists, who appeared at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.
- Galesburg's Prairie Players, Carbondale's Stage Company and the Union County Arts Council all kicked-off their Arts Week celebrations with opening night theatre productions and receptions.
- The Corn Belt Library System designed book markers advertising the various local Illinois Arts Week activities.
- Decatur's Ballet Arts School sponsored a series of five dance workshops for dancers and non-dancers in classical ballet, modern and jazz dance and, even, poms poms.
- Children of all ages were awarded prizes for their designs and drawings at the sidewalk "Chalk In" sponsored by the Casey Chamber of Commerce.
- The Chicago Council on Fine Arts presented an encore performance of its "Original Amateur Hour winners" and the year's most popular lecture, film, dance, play and concert.
- The Chicago Children's Film Center featured a series of six live action and animated films for pre-school and young children.

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NOW IT'S UP TO YOU...

The Illinois Arts Council has many materials available to help you with your Arts Week activity planning and publicity.

Posters
Brochures
Idea Lists
Banners
Photostats

Contact: Illinois Arts Council
111 North Wabash Suite 720
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MiMi Mosgers- Arts Week Coordinator



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Through the following organizations, additional Arts Week posters, brochures, photostats and suggestion lists are available.

Chicago Area
Evanston Arts Council /
Noyes Cultural Arts Center
927 Noyes
Evanston, Illinois 60201
(312) 491-0266
(312) 328-2100

Northern Illinois
Rockford Council for the
Arts and Sciences
401 S. Main
Rockford, IL 61101
(815) 963-6765

Central Illinois
Arts Council of Champaign County
11 1/2 E. University Avenue Studio A
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 552-8979
McLean County Art Association
Arts Center
601 N. East Street
Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 829-0011

Peoria Area Arts and Sciences Council
1125 W. Lake Avenue
Peoria, IL 61614
(309) 686-7034
Springboard
510 East Monroe
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 753-3519

Western Illinois
Galesburg Civic Arts Center
114 E. Main Street
Galesburg, IL 61401
(309) 342-7415
Quad City Arts Council
1712 2nd Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201
(309) 792-1215
Quincy Society of Fine Arts
1310 Washington
Quincy, IL 62301
(217) 222-3452

Southern Illinois
Belleville Public Library
121 E. Washington
Belleville, IL 62220
(618) 234-0441
Southern Illinois Arts
(formerly known as Community and
Educational Arts Association)
806 Chautauqua
Carbondale, IL 62902 3282
(618) 457-8264
mailing address: P.O. Box 3282
Carbondale, IL 62902 3282

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PROCLAIM ARTS WEEK IN YOUR COMMUNITY
Arts Week is proclaimed each year by the Governor of Illinois, so make it official by asking your mayor or village president to proclaim Arts Week in your community. A proclamation can help unify the cooperative efforts of participating organizations, and make a greater impact on the community. This sample proclamation may be adapted for your use.

Whereas, the arts in Illinois are a treasure which bring joy to its citizenry; and
Whereas, that treasure enriches the lives of all Illinois' citizens and brings benefit to individuals and communities around the state; and
Whereas, the arts in Illinois are deserving of recognition and support for their benefit to all Illinoisans;
Therefore, I, _____ Mayor / Village President of _____, proclaim
October 4-14, 1984, Arts Week in _____ and urge all citizens and community leaders to join in the celebration of this unique treasure.

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